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As climate change hits production, the price of coffee powder to go up by Rs 100 from the last week of Feb and by another Rs 100 in March

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We take deep dive into troubling issues such as broken footpaths near busy flyover and danger to a good old tree in Towns area

After entry and exit points on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway near Bidadi closed off, motorists who used to access service road will be forced to pass designated toll plazas

NOW, THAT'S A TOLL ORDER

Mystery hand: Do local food vendors have role in this move?

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Authorities have dealt a major blow to motorists evading toll fees on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway by closing entry and exit points near Bidadi. This move effectively puts an end to free travel, forcing all vehicles to pass through designated toll plazas.

The exit at Lakshmisagara, which connected the Bengaluru-Mysuru National Highway to a service road, has now been blocked. As a result, vehicles that previously bypassed toll payments at Sheshagiri Halli and Kaniminike toll plazas will now be required to pay.

Roadblock

Sources said that vehicles coming from Mysuru were using the Lakshmisagara exit to access the service road and reach Bengaluru without passing through the Sheshagirihalli toll booth. Similarly, vehicles from Bengaluru were taking the service road up to Hanumanthnagar, then re-entering the expressway near Hosadoddi to avoid toll payments at Kaniminike. Following a complaint from the toll collection contractor, who reported an estimated revenue loss of 30 lakh per month due to these evasions, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) took action. The entry and exit points at Lakshmisagara have now been sealed off with cement barricades. Consequently, all vehicles must

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"Motorists accustomed to using the service road for a smoother ride are now struggling with congestion, as they attempt to find alternative routes. Toll operators and local police have deployed staff to prevent vehicles from taking U-turn

— Commuter

OFF THE RECORD

Recent case of misuse of call detail records of accused in cheating case spills can of worms

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Call Detail Records (CDRs) are meant to be highly confidential, accessible only to law enforcement agencies for legitimate criminal investigations. However, a recent case in Bengaluru has exposed how insiders within the police department allegedly helped an accused access these sensitive records for personal gain.

Investigators probing the case of Aishwarya Gowda, who allegedly cheated a city-based jeweller out of several crores of rupees by falsely claiming to be the sister of former MP DK Suresh, uncovered a shocking revelation. During the examination of her mobile phone, authorities found CDRs of four individuals, obtained through her sources within the police department's technical cell.

According to the complaint filed by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Byatarayanapura Subdivision, Bharath S Reddy, five mobile phones used by the accused (A1) Aishwarya Gowda and two mobile phones used by her husband (A2) Harish were seized and to

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THINGS TO DO

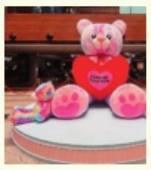
01 Art unveiled

Sublime Galleria presents an exhibition of stylised acrylic paintings inspired by spirituality, nature, and meditative energies. The artist's vibrant mixed-media works explore self-expression and personal growth. **Where: Sublime Galleria, Bangalore; When: February 4 to March 14**

02 Sacred space

A weekly journey into self-discovery and spiritual growth. The sessions include insightful teachings, interactive discussions, and expert-guided sessions to connect with your true self. **Where: Urban Solace, Bangalore; When: Every Sunday, 10 am – 12 pm**

03 Teddy bear show



A life-size Teddy Bear installation offers the perfect photo opportunity for visitors, adding charm to the ongoing Gifting Promotion Campaign. **Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall; When: Ongoing until February 28**

04 Vine and dine

Enjoy fine wines, gourmet cuisine, and live music at Phoenix Mall of Asia with the Karnataka Grape and Wine Board. A perfect weekend for wine lovers and foodies. **Where: Phoenix Mall of Asia; When: February 15–16**

05 Flavour first

Enjoy flavourful breakfast at Nasi and Mee's new flagship on Convent Road with Kaya Toast to the Besar Breakfast. Pair your meal with Kopi, Teh, or Ice-Blended Milo for a perfect start to the day. **Where: Nasi and Mee, Convent Road; When: From Friday to Sunday every week, 8 am to 11 am**

Bitter brew: Come March, shell out more per cuppa

Coffee prices are set to rise by ₹200 in two months due to supply shortages; while hoteliers feel the pinch

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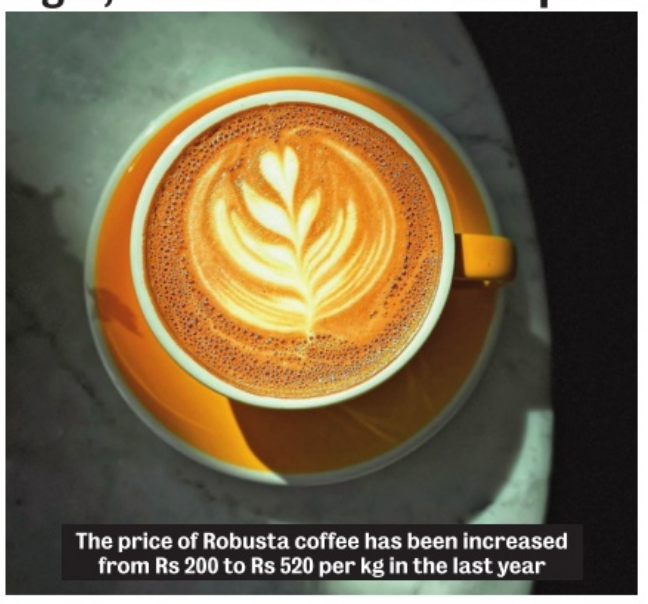

The price of Robusta coffee has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 520 per kg in the last year

The Indian Coffee Traders Association (ICTA), on Thursday, announced that the price of coffee powder is set to increase by Rs 100 by the end of this month. Additionally, they indicated that the price will rise by another Rs 100 next month.

"The prices of coffee have been on the rise since last year. The price of Robusta coffee has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 520 per kg and the price of Arabica coffee has been increased from Rs 290 to Rs 750," said ICTA Chairman Perikal M Sundar. Attributing the price hike to a shortage in the supply of coffee variants, he said coffee production has come down globally due to climate change.

He highlighted that India is known to be the 7th largest producer of coffee globally and the total coffee production in the country is estimated to be 3.6 lakh tonnes, of which 70% is Robusta and 30% is Arabica. "We are using 1.2 lakh tonne coffee and the remaining coffee worth Rs 10,000 crore was exported," he said.

It is said that hoteliers have already felt the pinch of the price hike of coffee powder. The proposed price hike may compel hoteliers to increase the price of coffee per cup in the future. Bengaluru Hotels Association President PC Rao said the hoteliers have not taken a decision to increase the cup of coffee price.

> **"The prices of coffee have been on the rise since last year. The price of Arabica coffee increased from ₹290 to ₹750** – Perikal Sundar, ICTA

Studying the implications

"We are studying the implications of the hike in coffee powder prices. As of now, there is no proposal to increase the price of coffee at hotels," Rao said. Commenting on the price hike, Krishnaraj S P of Nisarga Grand Hotel stated that he isn't considering raising the price of a cup of coffee. "I am aware that the hike in coffee powder price is a burden. I will bear the burden. I do not want to increase the price of coffee as the public has no money," he said.

State JEE topper

After Kushagra Gupta, a student of Narayana Educational Institutions, emerged the State Topper in JEE Main 2025, he attributed his success to Narayana's faculty, test preparation strategy, and ongoing performance evaluation. Dr. P Sindhura Narayana, Director of Narayana Educational Institutions, stated, "Kushagra Gupta's success, along with our eight state toppers, shows Narayana's commitment to excellence. We provide students with the knowledge and skills to excel in competitive exams." P Sharani Narayana, Director of Narayana Educational Institutions said it was Narayana's teaching methodology, supported by platforms like nLearn, that ensures that each student reaches their potential. As students prepare for JEE Advanced 2025, Puneet Kothapa, Director of Narayana Educational Institutions, wished them well. **— BMB**

Tackling forest fires

Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre has instructed the Karnataka Forest Department to hold meetings with Gram Panchayat officials to control forest fire incidents. In a meeting with KFD officials on Friday, the minister directed all deputy conservators of forest (DCFs) to hold the meeting in their respective divisions and work in coordination with them to control forest fires. He instructed the officials to respond quickly to the real-time messages from the satellite-based forest fire early warning system. He also told officials to seek help from the police in case miscreants are found deliberately setting forest areas on fire and lodge FIRs. **— BMB**

BM Trippin' Tales

Beyond borders: This summer, vacations in Europe

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As summer approaches, Bengaluru residents are increasingly looking beyond domestic destinations and opting for international gateways, with Europe and other countries topping the list. This shift highlights the city's evolving travel culture, as more people seek unique and enriching experiences abroad.

For many, the allure of Europe lies in its rich history, diverse cultures, and picturesque landscapes. "Europe is no longer just a dream vacation. With affordable flight options, it has become an achievable reality. The cultural richness and the chance to explore countries like France, Italy, and Spain are something I look forward to every year. This year, we're planning a two-week holiday to explore the Mediterranean region," said Priya Nair, a tech professional.

Rising disposable incomes, along with budget-friendly travel packages and direct international flights, have made overseas vacations more accessible to Bengaluru's middle class. International tour operators report a significant rise in bookings to Europe, with Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Germany emerging as top choices.

"The demand for European holidays has surged dramatically this year, particularly for family and honeymoon packages. There has been a marked increase in interest in countries like Greece and the Scandinavian regions. People are not just looking for typical sightseeing tours, but are seeking immersive cultural experiences such as food tours, wine tasting, and visiting local festivals. The appeal of Europe is not limited to its scenic beauty or cultural attractions. For many Bengaluru residents, it also offers an opportunity for an educational vacation. "We want our kids to experience the rich history of Europe firsthand. Visiting places like Rome and Athens will be a great learning experience for them," said a travel operator.

Overall, Bengaluru residents are becoming more adventurous in their travel choices. With easier access to international destinations, a growing desire for unique cultural experiences, and the influence of social media, more people are opting for overseas vacations to make their summers memorable. As a result, Europe and other international hotspots are likely to remain top picks for Bengaluru's travellers in the years to come.

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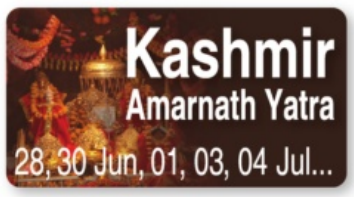

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Eco-tourism plan at Roerich Estate needs Centre's nod

Centre tells Karnataka not to proceed with Tataguni project without approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980

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Environmentalist highlights that Tataguni Estate is home to wildlife such as chiltals, rusty spotted cats and more

The central environment ministry has instructed the Government of Karnataka not to take up the proposed eco-tourism project at Devika Rani and Roerich Estate, Tataguni, Bangalore, without approval from the Central Government under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. In a letter dated February 12 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, MoEF&CC has also asked for an inquiry into the matter.

The instruction has been issued in response to a complaint raised by a wildlife conservationist in January against the state government's plan at Devika Rani and Roerich Estate.

The complaint by wildlife conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni to MoEF&CC had highlighted that the estate is home to wildlife such as smooth-coated otters, chital, rusty spotted cats, muntjac, etc., and the eco-tourism project would cause harm to the wildlife, apart from threatening Bengaluru's remaining green spaces.

In a letter addressed to the Deputy Director General of Forests, MoEF&CC, a month ago, the conservationist urged the Ministry to issue directions to the state government to drop the project. Kulkarni had also suggested that MoEF&CC should issue directions to the government to adhere to its eco-tourism guidelines issued in 2021 in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation.

Karnataka had submitted the Devika Rani and Roerich Estate as an eco-tourism and cultural hub project proposal to the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, seeking a fund of Rs 99.17 crore, which was approved in November 2024.

> **"The Forest Department should approach the state tourism department to look into the matter**
> – Giridhar Kulkarni, conservationist

Under the project, the Karnataka Tourism Department has proposed the construction of structures such as an entrance plaza, visitor parking, safari parking, cafeteria, information centre, over the bridge, cottages, golghar, golf court, open-air theatre, aviary, zip line, butterfly garden, etc. Those opposing the project claim these are permanent structures and require permission from the Central Environment Ministry as per FCA. The 470 acres of Devika Rani and Roerich Estate have a dry deciduous forest. Out of this, nearly 100 acres are notified as a reserve forest, and the remaining area has been notified as deemed forest by the Government of Karnataka.

"The Forest Department should approach the state tourism department to look into the matter and provide clarification to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The kind of interventions proposed under the project can only be approved under the Forest Conservation Act," said Kulkarni.

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Disrupted signals

Avani Shankar Mutt circle

Traffic signals at Avani Shankar Mutt Circle are poorly placed, making them invisible to vehicles coming from Kurubarahalli towards Modi Hospital and Navarang from 500 metres away. Pedestrian safety is also neglected, with just six seconds allotted for crossing—an insufficient time for most. Authorities must address these issues urgently.

Illegal parking

Devegowda Road

A vehicle has been parked for months at a turn on 1st Main Road, Devegowda Road, RT Nagar. It has a steel frame around it, encroaching on road space and posing a serious risk, especially at night. Despite this, the Traffic Police have ignored the issue.

Abrupt move draws ire from motorists

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now proceed directly to the designated toll booths, making toll payment unavoidable.

Commuters protest sudden closure

However, many motorists have strongly opposed this abrupt decision, criticising the lack of prior notice or warning signs. Local residents and daily commuters from Ramanagara and Bidadi, who now face higher toll costs for their regular travel to Bengaluru, are particularly affected. Kannada activist groups, which had earlier protested toll collection when the expressway was launched, argue that residents should not be forced to pay hefty toll fees for short-distance travel.

With the closure of the Lakshmisagara exit, not just local commuters but also thousands of workers employed in the Bidadi Industrial Area now have no option but to bear additional travel costs. Some commuters have even alleged that the closure was influenced by local food vendors who benefited from highway traffic diverting through service roads.

Heavy traffic and U-turn restrictions

A source said, "Motorists accustomed to using the service road for a smoother ride are now struggling with congestion, as they attempt to find alternative routes. In response, toll operators, with the help of local police, have deployed staff to prevent vehicles from taking unauthorised U-turns or attempting to remove barricades. As a result of this restriction, traffic congestion has worsened along the service road, with slow-moving vehicles clogging narrow stretches between Mysuru, Mandya, Maddur, Channapatna, Ramanagara, and Bidadi. Vehicles are now being forced to exit near Dasappana-doddi and travel through Bidadi town to rejoin the old Bengaluru-Mysuru Road."

Food vendors' role alleged

Since the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway bypassed Bidadi, businesses in the area, particularly Thatte Idli vendors, have suffered losses. Some local food vendors had set up stalls near the previously open exits, attracting customers who exited the expressway to avoid tolls. Now, with vehicles compelled to take alternate routes, rumours are circulating that the closure of the Lakshmisagara exit was influenced by these vendors, who hoped to revive their businesses by forcing highway traffic back through Bidadi.

Access to CDRs only granted to law enforcement agencies

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the West Division CEN police station for data extraction after obtaining the court's permission. During the examination, investigators discovered the Call Detail Records (CDR) of four individuals. Additionally, she tracked down a victim and a complainant who had previously filed a case against her at the Rajajinagar police station over a period of time. "The case is in the High Court, and further investigation is underway to identify who within the department assisted the accused. As of now, that remains unknown," he told BM. He added that CDR access is strictly available to the police and only granted with necessary permission for investigating serious crimes.

A case has been registered under IPC Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant), along with violations under the IT Act and the Telecommunication Act.

CDR access and misuse

Call Detail Records (CDRs) contain sensitive data such as call logs, timestamps, and tower locations, which help law enforcement track individuals' movements and communication patterns. Access to CDRs is strictly regulated and typically granted only to law enforcement agencies, such as the police and intelligence units, with prior approval from competent authorities like a magistrate or senior officers, usually for investigating serious crimes such as terrorism, kidnapping, or financial fraud.

However, misuse of CDRs has been a growing concern, with instances of unauthorised access by corrupt officials, private detectives, or telecom employees for personal gains, blackmail, or surveillance without legal grounds. Such illegal access and misuse are punishable under provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, IT Act, and IPC, leading to penalties, including imprisonment and fines. Authorities continue to tighten regulations to prevent privacy breaches and ensure accountability in handling critical data.

This is not the first such incident. In August last year, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a policeman from the CID's technical cell and his associate for allegedly running a CDR racket. The misuse of such data has led to threats, extortion, and wrongful surveillance and this case highlights the urgent need for stricter controls and accountability.

Clear waste that causes dengue, or be ready to pay up: HC

'It is expected BBMP shall evolve mechanism to check, control breeding of mosquitoes'

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The Karnataka High Court has instructed BBMP to levy substantial penalties on individuals, residential societies or hubs found neglecting the clearance of stored, stagnant or accumulated water, or solid waste that could lead to mosquito breeding and dengue transmission.

Whilst disposing of a suomotu petition initiated in July 2024, a division bench comprising Chief Justice NV Anajaria and Justice KV Aravind addressed the increasing dengue cases in Bengaluru and other districts, particularly rural areas.

The bench emphasised that, "As far as the dengue is concerned, since mosquito breeding is the primary cause, it is expected that the BBMP shall evolve a continuous mechanism to check, control breeding of mosquitoes. Any individual, any residential society or residential hub if found to be negligent towards clearing the stored water in containers, stagnant water, long accumulated water or solid waste which may result in breeding of mosquitoes, shall be subjected to heavy fines by framing proper rules in that regard."

The court additionally stated, "The respondent-State authorities and the civic authorities should not remain complacent in discharging their duties to avail the medicare facilities for the citizens, to conduct and control the spread of disease." Noting the government and civic body's preventive measures, the court added, "Having taken note of the steps taken and relevant aspects as above, since the dengue is noticed to be finally on decline, the present public interest proceedings are closed and the petition is disposed of."

The court also said that rightly and timely measures by the Governmental authorities and the civic bodies to avail healthy and disease-free environment for the citizens is not only their statutory duty under the statute but, right to health and right to healthy climate is a concomitant right as fundamental under Article 21 of the Constitution. The court referenced a study by IITM, Pune experts from 2004 to 2015, which utilised statistical tools and learning methods to establish links between temperature, rainfall, relative humidity and increased dengue fatalities due to rising cases.

The bench advised, "The re-findings would serve as a guide to the respondent-BBMP and all other civic bodies in the other States also, in fighting against dengue, for taking preventive measures in advance to not only counter the spread of disease, but keep it at a bay." The proceedings began after a letter by Raichur resident Vijaykumar HK highlighting dengue cases was published in a daily.

CBSE appeal rejected

The Karnataka High Court rejected an appeal by the Central Board Of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Friday. The appeal challenged a single judge's interim order allowing 18 Janani Public School students to take CBSE 10th Standard examinations for 2024-25 after switching from the State Board.
The single judge had issued an interim directive on January 27, permitting these students to participate in the 10th Standard examination scheduled for 15 February 2025, contingent upon the writ petition's final outcome without establishing any equity claims. The division bench, stated, "Evidently the order passed is an interim arrangement and the permission granted to 18 students to take 10th standard is subject to final outcome of the petition. The rights of any of the parties are not crystalised. In the circumstances the court is not invoking its appellate jurisdiction and there is no trapping of finality in the order. Only on this ground the appeal is dismissed." —BMB

Alarm after 3 deaths in 3 elephant attack incidents

Three people died on Thursday in three incidents of elephant attacks in different parts of Karnataka. While a 70-year-old woman was trampled to death in Madikeri, a 24-year-old man died in Bandipur Tiger Reserve, and body of another woman, suspected to have died in an elephant attack, was found in Belur in Hassan.

These deaths have once again sparked debate around rising human-elephant conflict cases and the role of elephant radio collars in sounding an alert to villagers.

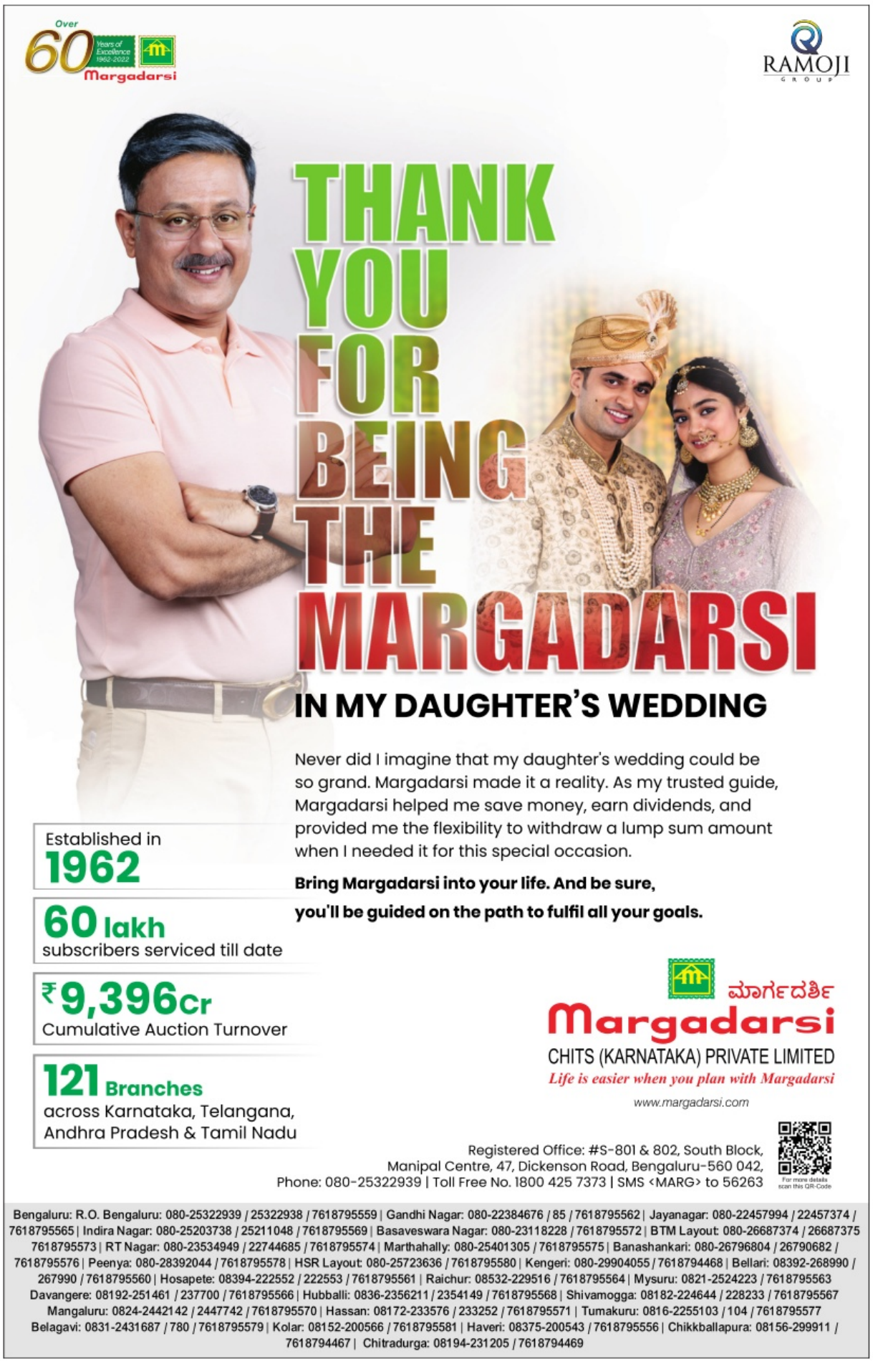
The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) recently launched indigenous GPS collars for elephants to track elephant movements and mitigate human-elephant conflict. The collars have been developed in collaboration with a city-based company.

According to KFD officials, the department has placed an order for four indigenous collars - two for Bandipur Tiger Reserve and two for Nagarhole Tiger Reserve.

"We are planning to phase out imported collars altogether but in a slow manner. The indigenous collars are expected to bring down human-elephant conflict cases as they are easy to maintain," said Kumar Pushkar, additional principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife), KFD.

"In-house radio collars are a good step by the department. However, the efficiency of this collar is still unclear. While the imported radio collars that the department has been using so far were very efficient in terms of transmission, they have limitations," said Ramesh Belagere, a wildlife researcher at the Foundation of Ecology and Education Development.

—Garima Prasher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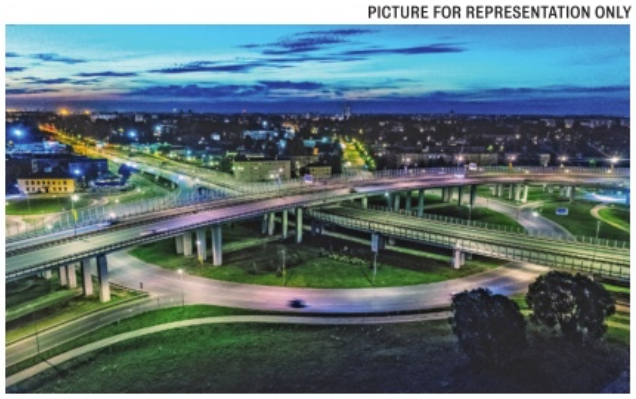

Travelling towards Kanakapura Road may become easier as the state government proposes construction of the longest double-decker flyover between JP Nagar and Hebbal. This elevated structure will have a length of 32.15 km along the Outer Ring Road beneath the Metro third phase route, marking a significant milestone in Bengaluru's ongoing infrastructure transformation. This ambitious project, coupled with the upcoming third phase of the Bengaluru Metro, is set to drastically improve connectivity and streamline traffic movement across the city. As a result, Kanakapura Road, located along this key development corridor, is emerging as a highly desirable destination for property development, attracting both residents and investors alike.

Sunil Reddy, a realtor said, "Kanakapura Road, once considered a suburban area on the outskirts of Bengaluru, is rapidly transforming into one of the most sought-after destinations for property development. The ongoing infrastructure upgrades, such as the construction of the longest double-decker flyover and the expansion of the Outer Ring Road (ORR), have significantly enhanced the region's connectivity, making it more accessible for residents, businesses, and investors. With the third phase of the Bengaluru Metro also expected to pass through this area, Kanakapura Road is poised to become an integral part of the city's real estate landscape." He said that the ambitious project is set to revolutionise connectivity along the Outer Ring Road, providing seamless access to key areas of Bengaluru. The flyover will reduce travel time, ease traffic congestion, and improve the overall transportation infrastructure, making Kanakapura Road a more attractive option for property development.

"This enhanced connectivity is especially beneficial for residents and businesses, as it allows for easier access to central parts of Bengaluru, including the IT hubs of Whitefield, Electronic City, and Koramangala. The direct connectivity to major arterial roads and proximity to essential amenities such as schools, hospitals, and shopping centers further adds to the appeal of this area for potential homeowners and investors. In addition to the double-decker flyover, the third phase of the Bengaluru Metro, which is set to extend further towards Kanakapura Road, will play a crucial role in the area's development," said Radhika Kumar, a property developer.

With the metro stations located along the stretch, properties near these stations are likely to see an increase in demand. The ease of commuting offered by the metro is a significant factor driving demand for residential and commercial properties in the region.

Infrastructure development

"The real estate boom along Kanakapura Road is not limited to transportation projects. The overall infrastructure development, including road widening, improvements in public amenities, and the introduction of modern commercial and residential complexes, has contributed to its rise as a prime destination for property buyers and developers. Large-scale residential projects, ranging from affordable housing to luxury apartments, are increasingly being launched along Kanakapura Road. Developers are keen to capitalise on the area's growing popularity, offering a variety of housing options," Reddy said.

Lifestyle appeal

Kumar said, "Apart from its infrastructural advantages, Kanakapura Road also offers a serene, green environment that appeals to homebuyers looking for a peaceful and relaxed lifestyle away from the hustle and bustle of the city."

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Crumbling footpath near school puts lives at risk

Residents of Lingarajapuram urge BBMP to repair broken footpath near St Charles School, citing safety hazards for children; they warn of accidents, demand action

While roads are filled with potholes, making it difficult for motorists, pedestrians have no proper support as the pedestrian pathways are broken near St Charles School in Lingarajapuram. In fact, this has become a serious safety hazard for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren and elderly residents. Concerned citizens have urged the authorities to take swift action to repair the damaged walkway before any unfortunate incidents occur.

Speaking about the issue, resident Leo Christopher highlighted the risks posed by the neglected infrastructure. "The footpath is completely broken, making it extremely unsafe for school-going children, elderly pedestrians, and other residents. I urge the concerned authorities to take immediate action before a major tragedy happens," he said.

A footpath near St Charles School, Lingarajapuram

Daily struggles for pedestrians

Several residents and commuters who rely on the footpath daily have expressed frustration over the lack of maintenance. Many parents worry about their children's safety while walking to school. "The broken footpath forces children to walk on the road, which is already congested with traffic. It's a disaster waiting to happen. The authorities must step in before an accident forces them to take action," said Mohammed Saif, a regular walker.

Elderly citizens in the area have also found it increasingly difficult to navigate the uneven pavement. "For senior citizens like me, walking on a broken footpath is a nightmare. I have seen people trip and fall multiple times. We expect the civic body to fix such basic infrastructure issues, but they seem to be ignoring our plight. Despite repeated complaints, local authorities have yet to address the issue. Residents claim that the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) has been slow in responding to such civic grievances. We have raised this issue multiple times, but there has been no concrete response. The footpath has been in this condition for months. We demand immediate action before a serious accident takes place," said Vincent J, a senior citizen.

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A Call for action

Citizens are now urging local representatives and civic officials to conduct an inspection and expedite repair work. Many believe that such negligence reflects poor urban planning and infrastructure management. "This isn't just about one broken footpath—it's about pedestrian safety across the city. If basic infrastructure like footpaths is not maintained, how can we expect Bengaluru to become a smart city?" questioned an activist.

Uneven roads causing pain

Uneven roads near Kristu Jayanti College have become a safety hazard, leading to multiple injuries, particularly among bikers. While the stretch in front of two apartments on the same road is well-maintained, the condition deteriorates significantly beyond these buildings. This disparity has raised concerns among local residents, prompting the question: "Are good roads only for a select few?" A college student said, "There are frequent accidents on this road and students become accident victims. We demand accountability from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and also want immediate repairs to ensure safety and prevent further injuries."

Century-old tree at Bangalore East Railway Station faces the axe

The tree at Bangalore East Railway Station that may have to be cut

A massive 100-year-old tree standing tall at the Bangalore East Railway Station is likely to be felled as part of the station's remodelling and track expansion project. The proposed infrastructure development has raised concerns among environmentalists and residents, who fear the loss of yet another heritage tree in the city.

A resident said, "The station, which is undergoing a significant revamp to accommodate additional railway tracks and enhance passenger facilities, has earmarked several areas for construction. Unfortunately, the age-old tree stands in the way of these plans. Officials from the South Western Railway have indicated that while efforts were made to explore alternative solutions, the expansion requires clearing certain obstructions, including this historic tree."

Environmental activists argue that the ecological and historical significance of such trees cannot simply be replaced with new saplings. "This tree has been a silent witness to a century of change in Bengaluru. Cutting it down is not just the loss of greenery, but also a part of the city's heritage. Residents around Bangalore East station have also expressed disappointment, with some calling for an alternative design that could preserve the tree. We are not against development, but why should it always come at the cost of nature? Authorities should find a way to integrate the tree into the station's new design. The looming fate of the tree has reignited the debate on balancing urban development with environmental conservation. Activists are urging railway authorities to explore transplantation as an alternative, but the final decision is yet to be made. With Bengaluru already facing a sharp decline in green cover, citizens hope that heritage trees like these can still find a place in the city's fast-evolving landscape," said another resident.

Farewell Fr Eric

Fr Eric Rodrigues, a renowned Redemptorist priest passed away on February 10, his funeral mass will be held at 1.30 pm, Holy Ghost Church, Richards Town, on Saturday, February 15. A vivacious and joyful human being with laughter who always had a kind word and encouragement for people of all strata of society from the little ones to the elderly, from the wealthy to the poorest. He had a great love for the poor and abandoned especially for poor children, orphans, and children of widows. He opened different schemes during his time as Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Church and Priest in charge of St Alphonsus School. He got people to sponsor the books, uniforms, tuition, and midday meals for the poor children of St Alphonsus School.

Shot in the arm for Mysore Road

Mysore Road, one of Bengaluru's key arterial roads, is all set to receive a significant boost with the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA) initiative. As part of the "Greater Bengaluru Suburban Project," the Ramanagara district, encompassing regions such as Bidadi Hobli, Byramangala, Bannigiri, Hosur, Kempaiah Palya, and Harohalli Hobli, is poised for large-scale development. This ambitious project is expected to play a pivotal role in transforming the region and facilitating substantial urbanisation in the coming years.

The planned development involves the acquisition and expansion of approximately 6,023 acres of land in these areas, including Bidadi, Byramangala, Bannigiri, Hosur, KG Kanchugaranahalli, Aralalusandra, Kempayyanapalya, and Harohalli. This will be part of a larger 8,943-acre stretch, with significant portions already earmarked for public purposes, such as hamlet settlements, water bodies, and public parks. The land acquisition process will follow the guidelines of the Karnataka Urban Development Act, 1987, ensuring that provisions for compensation and alternative sites will be made available to affected parties.

K Ramaiah, a realtor said, "This transformative initiative is expected to bring about a major infrastructural shift that will not only enhance connectivity between these regions and central Bengaluru but will also spur property development along Mysore Road. With the planned suburban development, Mysore Road is bound to become an even more attractive location for both residential and commercial real estate investments. The growing infrastructure development in the surrounding areas will result in increased demand for housing, retail spaces, and office developments, giving a major boost to property development in and around Mysore Road. The project aims to address key issues such as traffic congestion, limited space, and unplanned urbanization by introducing well-planned and sustainable development strategies. The new areas will benefit from enhanced connectivity to the rest of Bengaluru, including improved roads, metro links, and better public transport options, all of which will make Mysore Road an even more desirable location for property buyers and investors alike."

As the project brings about the construction of modern residential complexes, commercial hubs, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities, there will also be a substantial increase in the demand for housing. The growth of the region will attract a new influx of residents, including young professionals, families, and retirees, all of whom will be looking for convenient living spaces. This, in turn, will lead to a surge in real estate activity, further pushing up property values in the region.

"Additionally, the development of new parks, water bodies, and public spaces as part of the suburban project will improve the quality of life for residents, making it an even more attractive destination for property buyers. As Mysore Road becomes more accessible and developed, real estate developers are likely to seize the opportunity to build high-end housing projects and commercial spaces, thus contributing to the overall growth and prosperity of the area," added Sathyavathi, a realtor. **-Prakash VL**

Bengaluru's average flat sizes up by 12%

Average flat size in Bengaluru rose from 1,480 sq. ft. in 2023 to 1,660 sq. ft. in 2024: report

Bengaluru witnessed a remarkable 12% increase in average flat sizes between 2023 and 2024, underlining the growing demand for spacious living in the city. According to ANAROCK's latest report, the average flat size in Bengaluru rose from 1,480 sq. ft. in 2023 to 1,660 sq. ft. in 2024, marking a significant 30% jump over the six-year period since 2019, when the average stood at 1,280 sq. ft. This trend aligns with the city's expanding luxury housing segment and an increasing preference for larger homes amongst homebuyers.

Nationally, average flat sizes in the top seven cities climbed from 1,420 sq. ft. in 2023 to 1,540 sq. ft. in 2024, representing an 8% annual growth. Bengaluru, known for its vibrant real estate market, contributed significantly to this rise. The city's focus on mid to high-end housing projects has been a driving force behind the growth, catering to both local and expatriate demand.

While Bengaluru showed strong growth, the National Capital Region (NCR) recorded the highest average flat size of 2,435 sq. ft. in 2024, a steep 29% rise from 1,890 sq. ft. in 2023. This was primarily due to a surge in luxury housing supply, with over 70% of newly launched units in NCR in 2024 falling under the luxury category. Amongst other cities, Hyderabad stood out with the second-largest average flat size at 2,103 sq. ft., despite being the only city to witness a 9% annual decline in flat sizes.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) continued to report the smallest average flat sizes, reflecting chronic space constraints. The average flat size in MMR rose modestly by 8% over six years, reaching 849 sq. ft. in 2024, up from 784 sq. ft. in 2019. In contrast, Bengaluru's substantial six-year growth highlights its position as a preferred destination for spacious, luxury living.

Other southern cities such as Chennai also experienced significant increases in average flat sizes, with a 31% rise over six years to 1,445 sq. ft. in 2024. Meanwhile, Kolkata and Pune saw comparatively modest annual growth in 2024, with flat sizes averaging 1,149 sq. ft. and 1,135 sq. ft., respectively.

Despite rising property prices, Bengaluru's ability to offer larger homes while meeting luxury housing demands positions it as a key player in India's residential market. The consistent demand for spacious homes post-COVID continues to redefine housing trends, making Bengaluru a standout performer among the top cities in India.

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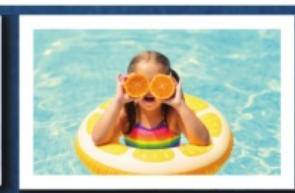

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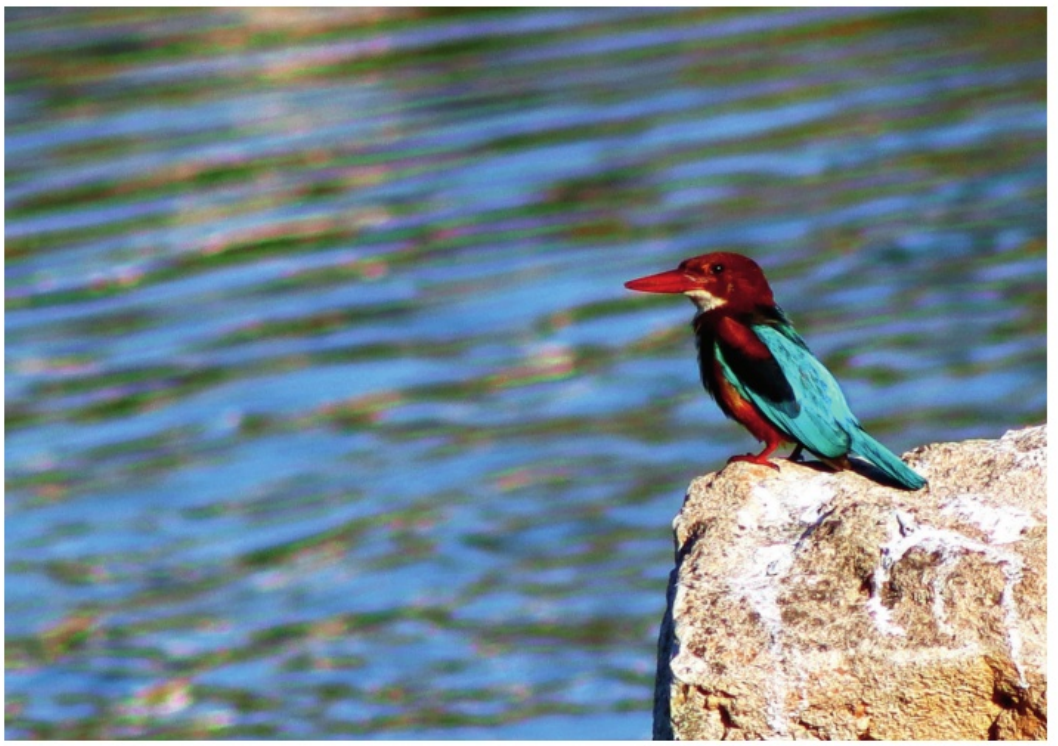

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Railways to enhance safety along Vande Bharat tracks

Plan is to fence all routes across which high speed trains run, which stretches across 793 km

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Indian Railways has launched a special initiative to enhance the safety of passengers and animals along high-speed rail corridors. The Railway Ministry has directed the installation of protective fencing along the routes of Vande Bharat trains to prevent accidents involving people and animals.

In the South Western Railway (SWR) zone, an estimated 793 km stretch will be secured with iron fencing in rural areas and the construction of subways at designated locations to facilitate pedestrian and vehicular movement. The project involves an investment of ₹724 crore, including ₹420 crore for iron fencing and ₹304 crore for subways. Approval for the project is expected by February 28, and completion is targeted for 2026.

An SWR official said, "With Vande Bharat trains operating at speeds of 110-130 km/h, the fencing will improve safety and reduce the risk of derailments due to obstructions. The barriers, designed in a 'W' shape, will be five feet high and installed on both sides of key railway routes, including Bengaluru-Mysuru, Bengaluru-Dharmavaram, Bengaluru-Hubballi, Hubli-Pune, and Bengaluru-Chennai." He added that this initiative will not only enhance security, but also ensure better adherence to train schedules.

Railway officials say that the fencing of the railway tracks will not only help the unhindered movement of trains but also save cattle from deaths. For example in 2022, more than 13,000 cattle were run over by trains. A South Western Railways official said, "High-speed trains operate at faster velocities, which increases the risks associated with unauthorised access to tracks. Stray cattle or any other incursion on the tracks can pose serious threats not only to the animals involved but also to the safety of passengers and train crews. Fencing acts as a critical safety measure by preventing animals from wandering onto tracks, ensuring smooth operations and reducing the risk of accidents. It also limits the likelihood of human trespassers or other unexpected obstacles on the tracks, safeguarding both infrastructure and lives. Given the rapid acceleration and braking capabilities of high-speed trains, even small delays in reaction time can have severe consequences. This will help in the safety and efficiency of our high-speed train operations, thus contributing to the growth of the transportation sector."

In the South Western Railway zone, around 793 km will be secured with iron fencing in rural areas

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The rocky object called Bennu is classified as a near-Earth asteroid, currently making its closest approach to Earth every six years at about 186,000 miles (299,000 km) away. It might come even closer in the future, with scientists estimating a one-in-2,700 chance of a collision with Earth in September 2182. So what would happen should Bennu strike our planet? Well, it would not be pretty, according to new research based on computer simulations of an impact by an asteroid with a diameter of roughly three-tenths of a mile (500 meters) like Bennu. Aside from the immediate devastation, it estimated that such an impact would inject 100-400 million tons of dust into the atmosphere, causing disruptions in climate, atmospheric chemistry and global photosynthesis lasting three to four years. — BMB

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Businesses with ₹2 cr turnover are not completely tax-exempt under new regime

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Fact: Under Section 44AD of Income Tax Act,1961, eligible businesses meeting certain criteria can declare 6-8% of turnover as profit, and if this remains within ₹12 lakh, no income tax is payable. However, this is applicable only for individuals, meaning only proprietorship businesses. Other businesses like partnership firms, one person companies and other companies will have to pay taxes even if the profit remains within ₹12 lakh. Further, those with higher cash transactions or actual profits exceeding this limit are still taxed. Presumptive taxation is optional, and businesses opting out must pay tax on actual profits. Other taxes like GST and professional tax may still apply, making universal exemption incorrect. Hence the claim made in the post is MISLEADING.

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A clean family entertainer

Sidlingu 2
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Vijaya Prasad
- **ACTORS** Yogesh, Sonu Gowda, Suman Ranganathan, Manjunath Hegde, B Suresh, Seetha Kote
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 150 minutes

This sequel to Sidlingu that was released in 2012, sees director Vijaya Prasad, also playing a role -- that of Swamy Ayyappa. Vijaya Prasad has managed to keep this movie clean with no dirty dialogues. His earlier movies Neer Dose and Totapuri Chapter 1 and 2 are known for its racy dialogues aimed at frontbenchers.

But for this movie, he has taken a different route and ensured it is laced with devotion.

The movie begins with the funeral of Seethamma (Padmaja Rao), a grave digger. Sidlingu (Yogesh) attends the funeral. At this juncture, the director introduces a flashback scene narrating how Sidlingu became a fan of Seethamma after the latter refuses to take money to dig a grave to bury his favourite teacher and friend. Seethamma's husband (Manjunath Hegde), an advocate, is a person who prefers to down liquor rather than focus on his profession.

Meanwhile, Nivedita (Sonu Gowda), a teacher, seeks Sidlingu's help to thrash a group of goons. Sidlingu and Nivedita become friends. Sidlingu wants to buy a vintage car from Niveditha's father (B Suresh). You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Sidlingu and Nivedita.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, Yogesh is at his best. It may not be an exaggeration to say that he makes a comeback in Sandalwood with this sterling performance in this movie. Sonu Gowda and Suman Ranganathan provide good support. The scenes where B Suresh touches Sonu Gowda's feet and Manjunath Hegde touches a child artist's feet are filled with emotion.

Anup Seelin's music and songs are good.

It is worth a watch for families.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

A mix of action, comedy & romance

Raju James Bond
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Deepak Maduvanahalli
- **ACTORS** Guru Nandan, Mrudula Pattanashetti, Achyuth Kumar, Chikkanna, Sadhu Kokila
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 125 minutes

Director Deepak Maduvanahalli has attempted to entertain audiences with a smattering of all elements, including risque dialogues. The movie begins in a school where students are set to go on summer vacation. The class teacher asks the students to tell stories of their choice. One begins to narrate the story of Raju James Bond of Suvarnapura. At this juncture, the director introduces a dream scene where Raju (Guru Nandan) is thrashing goons. Later the director shows how Raju lost his parents and gets the task of freeing his home from a cooperative bank. His father had mortgaged the house to the cooperative bank to avail of a loan. His other task is to convince his lover Vidya's (Mrudula Pattanashetty) father who wants her to marry an NRI.

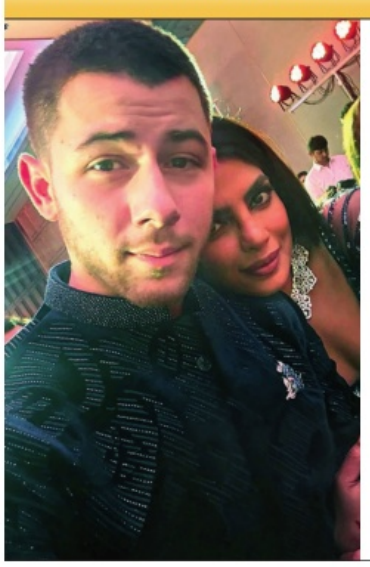
Meanwhile, Raju plans to rob the cooperative bank in association with his uncle Krishna (Achyuth Kumar) and friend TRP (Chikkanna). What happens to Raju is what the movie Raju James Bond is all about.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, Guru Nandan has acted well. He has proved that he too can act in action scenes. Mrudula looks beautiful and is convincing as a school teacher. Her dialogue delivery and gestures are good. Achyuth Kumar and Chikkanna provide good support. Sadhu Kokila, as a Tenali who imitates Kabali, provides comedy. Ravishankar, as an MLA who keeps his ill-gotten money in a cooperative bank, represents politicians who park their black money in cooperative societies and religious mutts.

Anup Seelin's music is good. Among the songs, Kanmani is the best. Had the director focused on the screenplay, the movie would have been better.

Having said that, it is still worth a watch.

—Y Maheswara Reddy



Loved-up selfies

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas treated fans to some of their unseen, adorable selfies on Valentine's Day. Priyanka narrated how their love began and how it is progressing through her social media post.

On February 14, on the occasion of Valentine's Day, Priyanka took to her Instagram handle to share some cute clicks with Nick. In the first picture, they were both seen twinning in white outfits, with PeeCee lovingly resting on Nick's shoulder. The other picture appears to be taken from the sangeet ceremony of Priyanka's brother, Siddharth Chopra, recently. They were both seen twinning in blue outfits, and Priyanka held Nick's hand while posing for a selfie. She struck a proud wife look in the selfies, with a lot of love in her eyes.

The 'Citadel' actress captioned the pictures, "How it started... How it's going. Happy Valentine's Day to my forever Valentine."

Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra got married in 2018 after dating for a few years. They had both Christian and Hindu weddings. They welcomed their daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, via surrogacy in January 2022.

Priyanka and Nick were seen attending PeeCee's brother Siddharth Chopra and Neelam Upadhyaya's wedding on February 7. Their little Malti also stole the spotlight in her beautiful ethnic outfits.

—ETimes

Living up chaotic actor life

Rashmika gives us a glimpse of her busy life

Actress Rashmika Mandanna has returned to the sets of her upcoming film Sikandar, which co-stars Salman Khan. The actress took to Instagram stories on Friday to share a glimpse of her night shoot, where she mentioned that she is back to "this chaotic life of an actor".

Rashmika posted a picture of herself making a heart gesture as she posed for the camera and captioned it as, "PS - Sikandar night shoot. I guess finally we are back to this chaotic life of an actor."

'Sikandar' marks Salman Khan's return to the big screen after more than a year, with his last film being 'Tiger 3'.

AR Murugadoss, known for his work on 'Ghajini' has directed the film.

The movie also marks Salman Khan's reunion with producer Sajid Nadiadwala after their 2014 blockbuster, 'Kick'.

Meanwhile, Rashmika's latest release, 'Chhaava', has been making waves.

She plays Maharani Yesubai in the film, which is a cinematic adaptation of Shivaji Sawant's Marathi novel Chhava.

The movie stars Vicky Kaushal as Chattrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Akshaye Khanna plays the role of Aurangzeb.

Rashmika also has a lineup of movies, including 'Kubera' featuring Dhanush and 'Thama' alongside Ayushmann Khurrana in the upcoming months.

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Officials told to keep close watch on jumbo movement

Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre has asked Karnataka Forest Department officials to keep a close watch on the movement of elephants on forest fringes and provide real-time information to local MLAs, deputy commissioners, superintendents of police, presidents of Gram Panchayats, and PDOs to prevent loss of lives.

In the wake of three deaths due to elephant attacks on Thursday, the Minister held an emergency virtual meeting with deputy conservators of forests of all districts and directed them to take necessary measures to bring down human-elephant conflicts, including the use of thermal cameras to track their movement.

While 32 people died in human-elephant conflict incidents in Karnataka in 2022-23, 48 deaths were reported in 2023-24, with 30 lives lost so far this year.

"We have to study the reasons for the high number of deaths in February, March, April, and July," said Khandre.

The Minister also called for elephant habitat improvement and better digital connectivity between villagers and forest department staff for timely response in case of elephant movement.

He also instructed the department to take immediate steps to capture elephants that are involved in human-elephant conflict cases in Virajpet.

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IS AI MAKING US STUPIDER?

Maybe, according to one of the world's biggest AI companies

There is only so much thinking most of us can do in our heads. Try dividing 16,951 by 67 without reaching for a pen and paper. Or a calculator. Try doing the weekly shopping without a list on the back of last week's receipt. Or on your phone.

By relying on these devices to help make our lives easier, are we making ourselves smarter or dumber? Have we traded efficiency gains for inching ever closer to idiocy as a species?

This question is especially important to consider with regard to generative artificial intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT, an AI chatbot owned by tech company OpenAI, which at the time of writing is used by 300 million people each week.

According to a recent paper by a team of researchers from Microsoft and Carnegie Mellon University in the United States, the answer might be yes. But there's more to the story.

Thinking well

The researchers assessed how users perceive the effect of generative AI on their own critical thinking.

Generally speaking, critical thinking has to do with thinking well.

One way we do this is by judging our own thinking processes against established norms and methods of good reasoning. These norms include values such as precision, clarity, accuracy, breadth, depth, relevance, significance and cogency of arguments. Other factors that can affect quality of thinking include the influence of our existing world views, cognitive biases, and reliance on incomplete or inaccurate mental models.

The authors of the recent study adopt a definition of critical thinking developed by American educational psychologist Benjamin Bloom and colleagues in 1956. It's not really a definition at all. Rather it's a hierarchical way to categorise cognitive skills, including recall of information, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

The authors state they prefer this categorisation, also known as a "taxonomy", because it's simple and easy to apply. However, since it was devised it has fallen out of favour and has been discredited by Robert Marzano and indeed by Bloom himself.

In particular, it assumes there is a hierarchy of cognitive skills in which so-called "higher-order" skills are built upon "lower-order" skills. This does not hold on logical or evidence-based grounds. For example, evaluation, usually seen as a culminating or higher-order process, can be the beginning of inquiry or very easy to perform in some contexts. It is more the context than the cognition that determines the sophistication of thinking. An issue with using this taxonomy in the study is that many generative AI products also seem to use it to guide their own output. So you could interpret this study as testing whether generative AI, by the way it's designed, is effective at framing how users think about critical thinking.

Also missing from Bloom's taxonomy is a fundamental aspect of critical thinking: the fact that the critical thinker not only performs these and many other cognitive skills, but performs them well. They do this because they have an overarching concern for the truth, which is something AI systems do not have.

Higher confidence in AI equals less critical thinking

Research published earlier this year revealed "a significant negative correlation between frequent AI tool usage and critical thinking abilities". The new study further explores this idea. It surveyed 319 knowledge workers such as healthcare practitioners, educators and engineers who discussed 936 tasks they conducted with the help of generative AI. Interestingly, the study found users consider themselves to use critical thinking less in the execution of the task, than in providing oversight at the verification and editing stages.

In high-stakes work environments, the desire to produce high-quality work combined with fear of reprisals serve as powerful motivators for users to engage their critical thinking in reviewing the outputs of AI. But overall, participants believe the increases in efficiency more than compensate for the effort expended in providing such oversight.

The study found people who had higher confidence in AI generally displayed less critical thinking, while people with higher confidence in themselves tended to display more critical thinking.

This suggests generative AI does not harm one's critical thinking – provided one has it to begin with.

Problematically, the study relied too much on self-reporting, which can be subject to a range of biases and interpretation issues. Putting this aside, critical thinking was defined by users as "setting clear goals, refining prompts, and assessing generated content to meet specific criteria and standards".

"Criteria and standards" here refer more to the purposes of the task than to the purposes of critical thinking. For example, an output meets the criteria if it "complies with their queries", and the standards if the "generated artefact is functional" for the workplace.

This raises the question of whether the study was really measuring critical thinking at all.

Becoming a critical thinker

Implicit in the new study is the idea that exercising critical thinking at the oversight stage is at least better than an unreflective over-reliance on generative AI. The authors recommend generative AI developers add features to trigger users' critical oversight. But is this enough?

Critical thinking is needed at every stage before and while using AI – when formulating questions and hypotheses to be tested, and when interrogating outputs for bias and accuracy. The only way to ensure generative AI does not harm your critical thinking is to become a critical thinker before you use it.

Becoming a critical thinker requires identifying and challenging unstated assumptions behind claims and evaluating diverse perspectives. It also requires practising systematic and methodical reasoning and reasoning collaboratively to test your ideas and thinking with others. Chalk and chalkboards made us better at mathematics. Can generative AI make us better at critical thinking? Maybe – if we are careful, we might be able to use generative AI to challenge ourselves and augment our critical thinking.

But in the meantime, there are always steps we can, and should, take to improve our critical thinking instead of letting an AI do the thinking for us.

(By Deborah Brown and Peter Ellerton, The University of Queensland, The Conversation)

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$25^{x+1} = 1/5$

$x = ?$

Linemaro

I think the FBI would tap your phone just to hear your voice

Mindchow

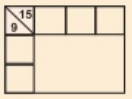
The beginning of thought is in disagreement -- not only with others but also with ourselves

Joke of the day

Reports on two army candidates: This man has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age This officer should go far...and the sooner he starts, the better

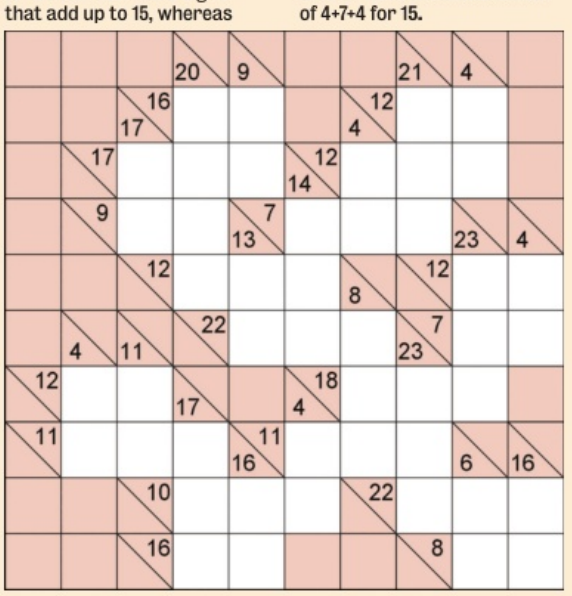
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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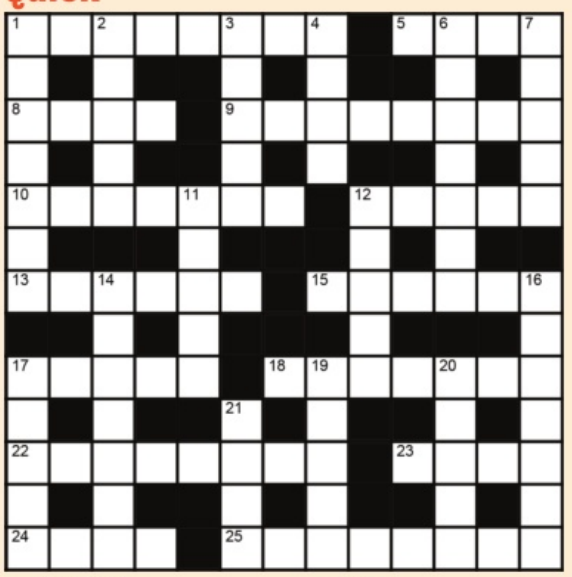


ACROSS

1 To the letter (8)
5 Highest point (4)
8 Track circuits (4)
9 Disease caused by thiamine deficiency (8)
10 Toy dog breed (7)
12 Belgrade natives (5)
13 Takes to task (6)
15 Escape (3,3)
17 More expansive (5)
18 Multiplex on Outer Ring Road (7)
22 Cutting drastically (8)
23 Socially unacceptable (3-1)
24 Communists, colloquially speaking (4)
25 A corner or a free kick in football (3,5)

DOWN

1 Big books (7)
2 Drive away (5)
3 Large horns (5)
4 Extra, in addition to (4)
6 Good-bye (7)
7 Sins or bad deeds (5)
11 Large sea-duck (5)
12 Rebuff (5)
14 An elderly or confirmed spinster (3,4)
16 Fitting, adjunct or part (7)
17 Having more sense (5)
19 Metal bar (5)
20 N American deer (5)
21 Intentions or objectives (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS P

EG FDBGP XGQXVG XVGDPGO IZKE EZF YU FDBZWL KEGF TZMPK XVGDPGO IZKE KEGF-PGVJGP.

Loop

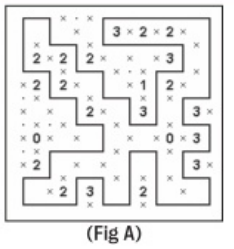
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

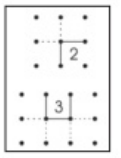
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

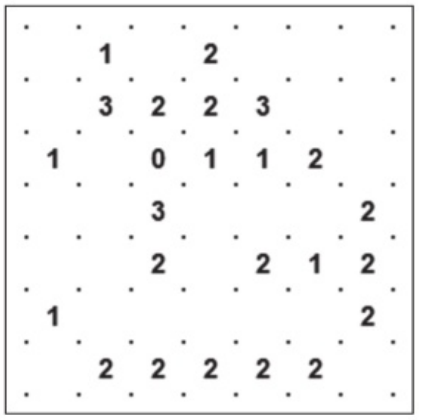
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



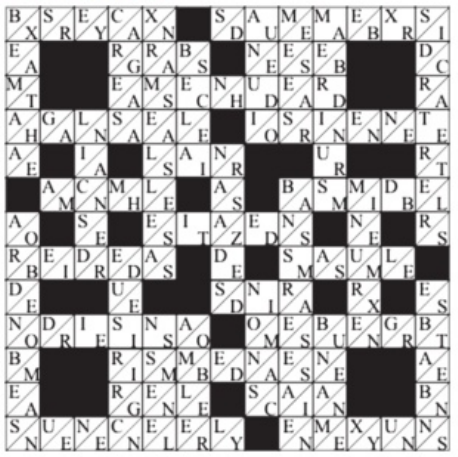
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



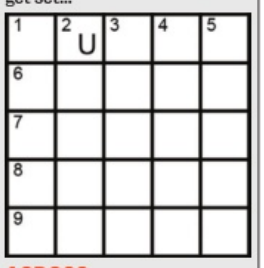
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

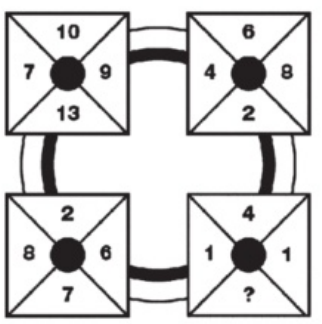
1 Scups; 6 Lutra; 7 Tube a; 8 I mine; 9 Raced

DOWN

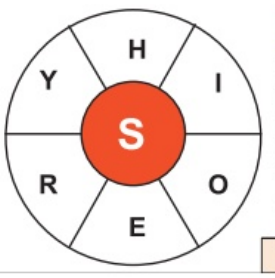
1 IC cub; 2 A mule; 3 Astir; 4 Pure N; 5 Stead

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; **10** Good; **12** Outstanding

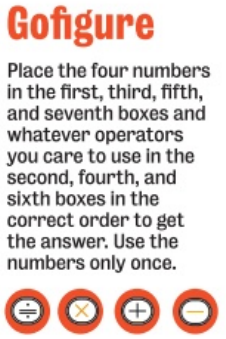
SudokuChallenge

3	1			6			4	
6		2						5
	8			7	4			
	6		4	2				
5				8				9
				9	6		5	
			7	4			9	
4						5		6
	7			5			3	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shirt is longer. 2. Light bulb is missing. 3. Toothpaste is missing. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Door is not as wide. 6. Toothpaste tube is different.

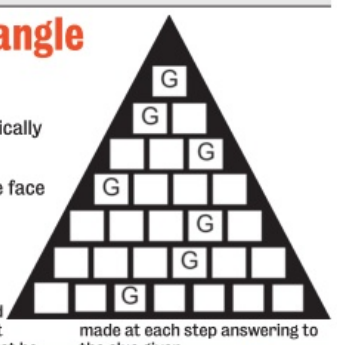
Riddler

Below are incomplete words. Place four letters in each bracket so that you can complete the word on the left and begin the word on the right. Good luck.

dar (____) er but (____) ish disap (____) ly

Alpha triangle

1 1000 colloquially
2 Guam .. abbr
3 Embrace
4 Praise enthusiastically
5 Ruffians
6 Looked for
7 Photograph of the face



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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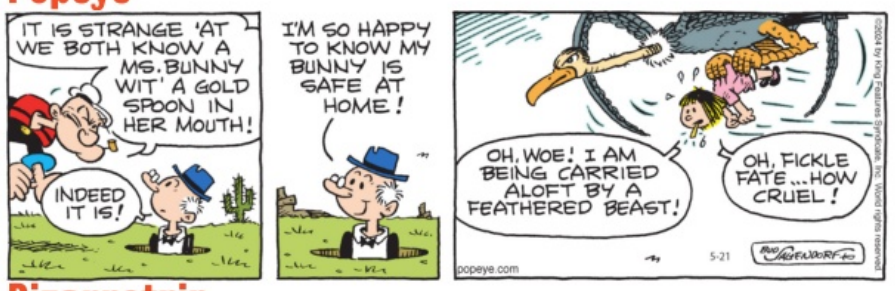
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INDEED IT IS!
I'M SO HAPPY TO KNOW MY BUNNY IS SAFE AT HOME!
OH, WOE! I AM BEING CARRIED ALOFT BY A FEATHERED BEAST!
OH, FICKLE FATE...HOW CRUEL!
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Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

And now, a word from the National Council on Clumsiness:
OOPS
This has been a word from the National Council on Clumsiness.
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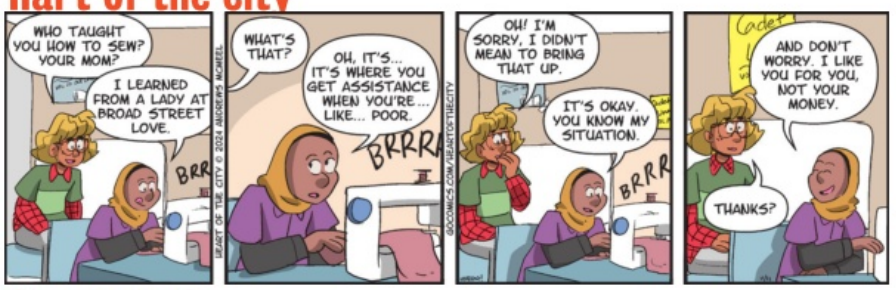
Hart of the city


WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO SEW? YOUR MOM?
I LEARNED FROM A LADY AT BROAD STREET LOVE.
WHAT'S THAT?
OH, IT'S... IT'S WHERE YOU GET ASSISTANCE WHEN YOU'RE... LIKE... POOR.
BRRR
OH! I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING THAT UP.
IT'S OKAY. YOU KNOW MY SITUATION.
BRRR
Cadet
AND DON'T WORRY. I LIKE YOU FOR YOU, NOT YOUR MONEY.
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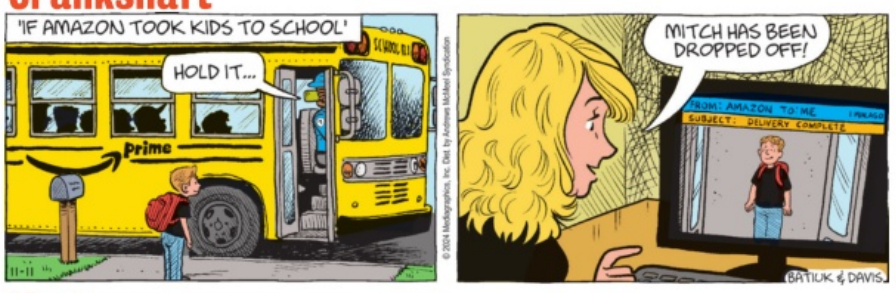
Crankshaft



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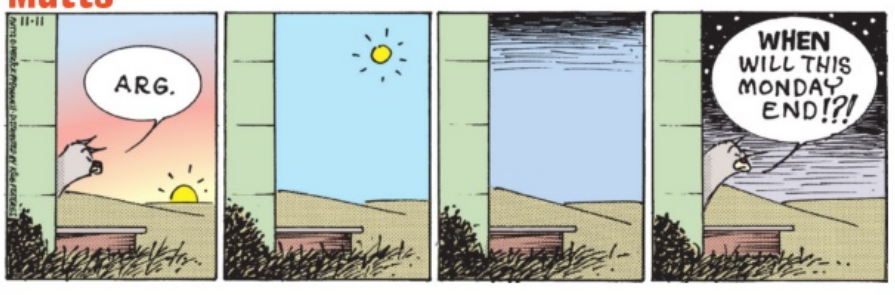

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Overworking may leave you feeling exhausted, leading to laziness and carelessness. Patience is advised, and if you're planning an adventure tour, consider postponing it. Past investments may not yield expected returns. Students should put in extra effort. Health concerns such as backache, nervous system issues, liver problems, or skin conditions may arise.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your creativity will be at its peak, inspiring you to renovate your home or office, and enhancing your social status. Harmony in domestic life will bring peace, and disputes with friends, co-workers, or partners may be resolved. Good news regarding litigation matters is likely.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
A balanced approach to earnings and expenditures will boost your financial stability. Networking will be beneficial in implementing plans, and support from siblings and subordinates will ease your workload. Consider visiting elders or a religious place for guidance and inner peace.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Lack of sleep may cause dullness and distraction from your goals, affecting work efficiency. A visit to a religious place may provide solace. By evening, with elders' blessings, clarity and productivity will return. Take care of your parents' health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Dullness may persist until late afternoon, affecting your work. However, blessings from elders will help you regain momentum. Extra attention should be given to children's health. You will be in a strong position against rivals, but investors should exercise caution when making critical financial decisions. Stomach-related issues may trouble you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Happiness at work will encourage you to make important decisions that will benefit your future. A short trip may be on the horizon, and your subordinates will be supportive. Expect good news regarding a sibling's success. You are likely to gain a favourable outcome in legal matters. Students will be highly focused on their studies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Strong communication skills will enhance your professional prospects. A polite approach will help accelerate your projects. Love birds may have meaningful conversations that lay the foundation for a stronger relationship.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The Moon's blessings bring promising opportunities in new partnerships, leading to financial benefits. High energy levels and enthusiasm will contribute to success. Your self-respect will help protect you from negative influences.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may reconnect with old friends or attend a social gathering. Excitement and innovation in business will bring unexpected material gains. Children may bring good news regarding their studies. Love birds will enjoy quality moments together.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Blessed by the Moon, your small investments may turn into significant profits. Your work efficiency will improve, allowing you to achieve success with minimal effort. Favourable news in legal matters is likely, and you will have control over rivals and opponents.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Even a small effort today may bring significant success. Past investments will yield good returns. Your hard work will be recognised both professionally and in your personal life, enhancing your prestige. New business innovations may take shape, and disputes with your spouse may be resolved.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Situations will feel more controlled today, bringing relief. Your professional network will be helpful, and overseas travel may be on the cards. Domestic harmony and love life will improve. Creativity will inspire you to bring home artistic items or plan a fun outing with family or friends.

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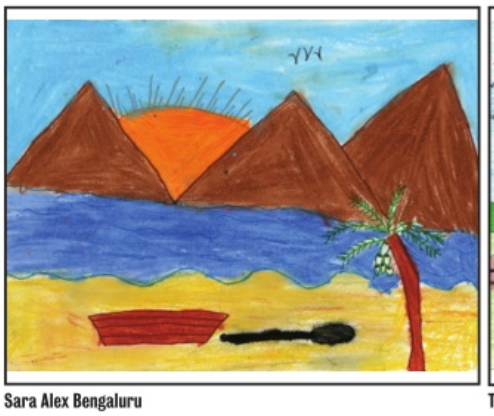

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$(5^2)^{-1}(x+1) = 5^{-1}$
$\Rightarrow 2(x+1) = -1$
$2x + 2 = -1$
$2x = -1 - 2$
$2x = -3$
$x = -3/2$

BULL'S EYE
horse, hose, HOSIERY, rise, rose, rosy, shire, shoe, shore, shyer, sire, sore

FAST FIVE

C	U	S	P	S
U	L	T	R	A
B	E	A	U	T
I	M	I	N	E
C	A	R	E	D

RIDDLER darling – linger, butcher – cherish & disappear – pearly

QUOTE UNCODE He makes people pleased with him by making them first pleased with themselves.

STRIKE OUT

B	R	Y	A	N	■	S	U	M	M	E	R	S	■	■
A	■	G	A	B	■	N	E	E	■	■	■	C	■	■
T	■	E	M	E	N	D	E	D	■	■	■	A	■	■
H	A	N	S	E	L	■	O	R	I	E	N	T	■	■
E	■	I	■	L	A	R	■	U	■	■	■	T	■	■
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O	D	E	S	S	A	■	O	S	B	E	R	T	■	■
M	■	I	M	M	E	N	S	E	■	■	■	A	■	■
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N	U	N	E	R	V	■	N	E	X	U	S	■	■	■

QUICK

R	E	D	S	■	S	E	T	P	I	E	C	E	■	■
E	■	I	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
S	L	A	S	H	I	N	G	■	A	C	M	E	■	■
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V	E	R	B	A	T	I	M	■	A	C	M	E	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
4. Add up numbers in corresponding segments of each square. The sum of the digits in the left hand segments equals 20, the sum of the upper segments equals 22, the right hand segments equals 24 and the lower segments equal 26.

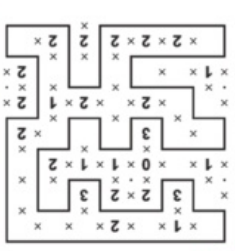
SUDOKU

2	7	8	6	5	9	4	3	1
4	9	3	8	1	2	5	7	6
1	5	6	7	4	3	2	9	8
7	2	1	3	9	6	8	5	4
5	3	4	1	8	7	6	2	9
8	6	9	4	2	5	3	1	7
9	8	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	4	2	9	3	1	7	8	5
3	1	7	5	6	8	9	4	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Gu, Hug, Gush, Thugs, Sought, Mugshot.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 6 − 4 − 8 = 1
Medium
5 − 8 + 9 + 4 = 10
Hard
5 − 6 x 2 + 7 = 5

LOOP



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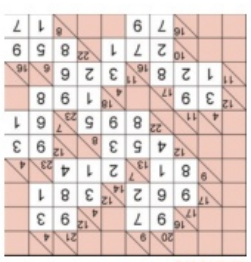

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